

Amendments to the Drawings:

As shown in the accompanying replacement sheet, please add the drawings as follows:

Figs. 8 and 9 have been added.

New drawings, Figs. 8 and 9 do not contain new matter.

REMARKS

Claims 11-25 and 27-33 are pending in the application. Claims 11 and 25 have been amended. Allowance of claim 11-25 and 27-30 are respectfully requested.

As a preliminary matter, Applicants have amended the claims and added drawings to clarify the invention.

Advisory Action

The Advisory Action asserts that U.S. Patent No. 5,818,941 to Embree ("Embree"), along with common knowledge, teaches or suggests the features, "the computer is operable to assign different configurations to at least one of fields of a screen," as recited in claims 11-25 and 27-33. According to the Advisory Action, it is well known in the art of computers that "configuration of the user interface is at least one fields of the visual screen." The Advisory Action provides no documentary support. Applicants respectfully request the Office Action to clarify the meaning of "configuration of the user interface is at least one fields of the visual screen." Applicants further request the Office Action to provide documentary support.

MPEP § 2144.04 states that "[i]t is never appropriate to rely solely on common knowledge in the art without evidentiary support in the record as the principal evidence upon which a rejection was based." See MPEP § 2144.04 at 2100-138 (citing In re Zurko, 258 F.3d 1379 (Fed. Cir. 2001)). The Office Action dated June 24, 2005 admitted that none of the cited references other than Embree discloses the recited feature, i.e., the computer is operable to assign different configurations to at least one of fields of a screen. Further, the Advisory Action admits that Embree lacks the disclosure, "configuration of the user interface is at least one fields of the visual screen." Even assuming that this disclosure is common knowledge, it is not appropriate to rely solely on the common knowledge to provide the disclosure found in none of the cited references. In this regard, Applicants submit that the disclosure, "configuration of the user interface is at least one fields of the visual screen" is not the common knowledge. Common knowledge is incapable of instantly and unquestionably demonstrating that "configuration of the user interface is at least one fields of the visual screen."

Added Drawings

Applicants have added two drawings, Figs. 8 and 9. Fig. 8 shows that screen displays HF, Frequency, Q, Pan and Gain in at least one of the fields 81, 82, 83, 84 and 85. Fig. 9 shows that

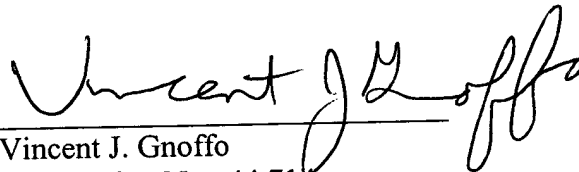
screen displays Frequency, Pan, Gain, Q and HF in the same fields 81-85. Figs. 8 and 9 show one example that at least one of the fields of the screen displays a different type of value in response to the assigned configurations. No new matter is entered. The screen 34 and fields 81-85 are shown in existing drawing, Fig. 5. Parameters such as frequency, pan, gain, etc. are shown in existing drawings, Figs. 1 and 6. The original specification, page 8, lines 5-22, as reproduced below, supports Figs. 8 and 9:

When the configuration of the switch board is changed by the operating elements 55, it occurs by means of corresponding data using the bus 59 to cause the computer 62, on the one hand, to select new algorithms via the bus 68 from the algorithm library 67 and to put them out to the signal processor 64 and, on the other hand, to direct the graphic computer 58 via the data bus 61 to adjust the displays, dials, etc. on the screen 57 to the new configuration. The term configuration defines the entire arrangement provided for the processing of the audio signals. It can be represented in a block wiring diagram, for instance, which lists all processes, such as increases, additions of signals, filters, lever changes, etc. Such a block wiring diagram, being precisely equivalent to a configuration, can be modified by changes of the configuration so that a different block wiring diagram is valid for the processing, etc. If operating elements 56 are activated, however, the configuration (the block wiring diagram) remains unchanged and only the values of the parameters in the selected parameters are changed, transmitted by way of the bus 71 to the signal processor 64 and are displayed on the screen 57 via the graphic computer 58 as well.

Based on the above, Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to enter Figs. 8 and 9.

For all of the above reasons, Applicants respectfully request allowance of the present application. The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned attorney at the below-listed number if there are any outstanding issues that could be resolved through a telephone conference.

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